

Thursday, March 29, 2007 at 6:30 p.m.
 Christ United Methodist Church - Annex Building
 4203 State Highway 6 South, College Station

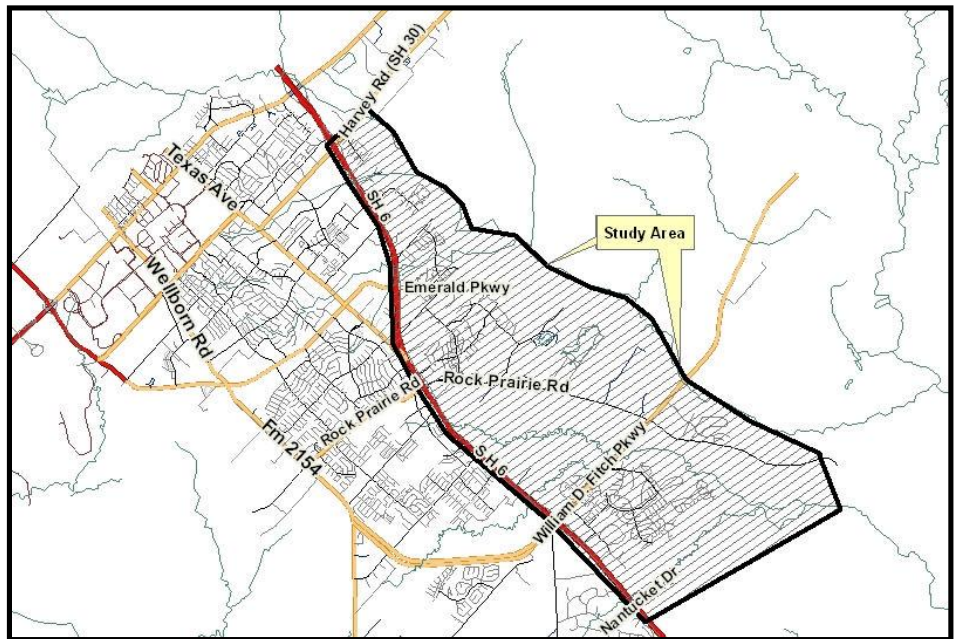
PUBLIC MEETING 1 of 2

Background and Study Purpose

The City of College Station has hired a consultant (Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc.) and formed an Advisory Committee to complete a transportation study of the east side ("Eastside") of College Station. The Eastside Study area (shown on the map below) is bounded by: SH 6 on the west, Carter Creek on the east, SH 30 (Harvey Road) on the north, and Alum Creek (including SH 6 / Nantucket Interchange) on the south side.

The purpose of the study is to enhance the existing City of College Station Thoroughfare Plan. This will be achieved by:

1. Generating study goals and objectives from the Advisory Committee and citizens.
2. Creating two thoroughfare plan alternatives based upon Advisory Committee and citizen input.
3. Testing these alternative plans against the currently adopted plan to create a preferred thoroughfare plan that best meets the goals and objectives of the study



Study Progress

The consultant has already begun collecting traffic, safety, environmental, and bicycle/pedestrian information for the study area. An Advisory Committee meeting was held on February 27, 2007 in which members established study goals and objectives.



Advisory Committee goals and objectives for the thoroughfare plan include:

- Increasing compatibility between existing and planned land uses and the transportation system.
- Preserving mobility without negatively impacting existing neighborhoods with additional traffic.
- Planning for a multimodal transportation system that addresses the needs of pedestrians, bicyclists, and transit riders.
- Putting in place an implementation plan that is phased in a manner to address mobility needs as land development occurs.
- Generating a plan that is both affordable and achievable.

The Advisory Committee also participated in a workshop aimed at devising thoroughfare alternatives for the study area. Please visit <http://www.cstx.gov/TranStudy/> or pick up a packet at the City of College Station City Hall for information provided by the consultant and a summary of the meeting.

Workshop Participation

Business owners, land developers, land owners, and citizens in the Study Area will benefit from attending this meeting. The meeting will begin with a brief introduction of the study goals, objectives, and process. Following the introduction will be the workshop portion of the meeting. Participants will be grouped at tables of 10-20 people, where a facilitator will guide them through the workshop exercises.

The workshop will afford you an opportunity to identify traffic congestion issues, traffic safety concerns, neighborhood traffic issues, and bike/pedestrian concerns, as well as share land development initiatives and ideas. Under the guidance of the facilitator, participants will be asked to mark on maps the thoroughfare alternatives and note issues and concerns. The goal is for citizens to provide input so a plan can be created that meets both the mobility and safety needs of the study area and the desires of the commercial land owners, tenants, patrons, and home owners.

Next Steps

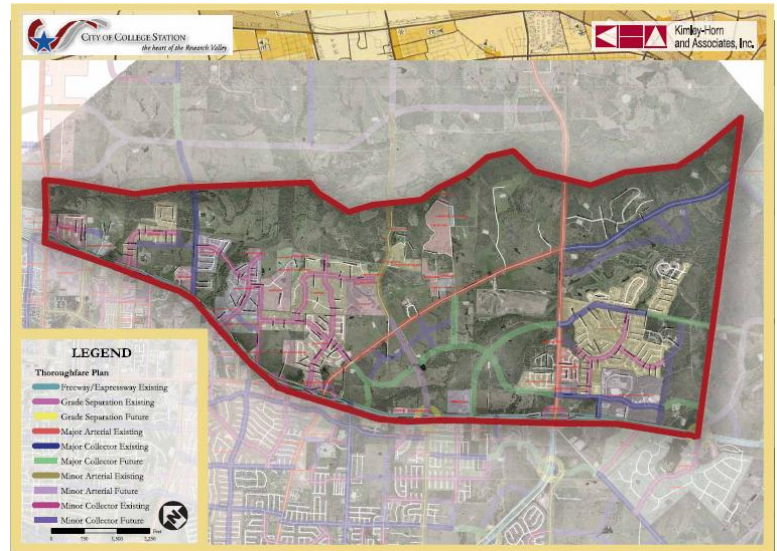
Following the public meeting, the consultant will create a comprehensive list of goals and objectives for the study. Using input from the workshop, two alternative thoroughfare plans will be evaluated against the current thoroughfare plan (based upon the goals and objectives of the study). The results of this analysis will be presented to the Advisory Committee on April 9th. The next public meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 17, 2007 at 6:30 p.m. at the Christ United Methodist Church – Annex Building, 4203 State Highway 6 South, College Station.



Workshop Instructions

The workshop exercise should follow the following sequence of activities:

1. Review the workshop map, which is based on an aerial photograph. The study area boundary is defined by the **red** outline. The legend defines elements of the thoroughfare plan.
2. In the legend, notice that future thoroughfares are indicated by a dashed line. Use the **highlighter** to mark future thoroughfares that you AGREE should be planned for and constructed.



3. Each table has colored dot stickers to be placed on the map to indicate specific transportation issues. These dots and their corresponding meaning are as follows:



Traffic Safety. Blue dots should be placed in locations that you have experienced/witnessed automobile crashes, near misses, or other safety issues such as speeding or red light/stop sign running.



Traffic Congestion. Yellow dots indicate locations that have excessive travel delay. This could be at intersections, highway off-ramps, or driveways.



Cut Through. Green dots denote your observation of traffic using residential or local streets to get to a destination that could be reached by a collector or arterial street.



Pedestrian/Bike Improvements. Red dots should be placed at locations where improvements to the sidewalk network needs to be made, special provisions for bicyclist need to be addressed, or improvements to traffic signal equipment should be considered.

4. After major issues have been identified, draw in your group's desires for new thoroughfare alternatives. Use the markers to identify the following new thoroughfare types:



Major Arterials – 4- to 6-lane roadways



Collector Roads – 2-lane roads



Local or Connector Roads – small 2-lane roads



Context Sensitive Design – roadways that need to be altered or improved to match the land use

5. A representative from each group needs to be selected to give a three minute overview of the major issues and recommendations generated by the group.



Questionnaire

Thank you for your interest in this study. You are invited to share additional comments about transportation in east College Station. This comment sheet is your opportunity to express your preferences regarding transportation issues in the Study Area.

About You

1. Check the one that best describes your primary interest (please check only one).

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Retail Business Owner | <input type="checkbox"/> Office Business Owner |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Service Business Owner | <input type="checkbox"/> Church |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Public Official | <input type="checkbox"/> Residential Property Owner |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Developer | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |

2. Which organization(s) do you belong to that represents any business(s) and/or neighborhood(s)?

3. Your name/address (optional)

4. Which of these thoroughfare planning alternatives sounds best to you?

- The east side of College Station needs more major arterial streets that connect to SH 6 and parallel SH 6. These larger functional roads would provide more capacity for suburban growth.
- Transportation improvements for the Eastside need to focus on creating a connected street system of smaller roads. These smaller connected roads would create more travel choices and promote smart growth.
- Roadways in east College Station should respect the natural environment (topography, rivers, and other features). These more rural roads would enhance views and facilitate clustering of houses near green spaces.
- The current thoroughfare plan is adequate and should not be modified

5. How should bicyclist and pedestrians be incorporated into the plan (may choose multiple)?

- Bicyclist and pedestrians should be accommodated in every new roadway design.
- Bicyclist and pedestrians should be accommodated with off-street trails.
- Bicyclists and pedestrians' needs should be considered first in the roadway design, then accommodate vehicle lanes.
- Bicycle and pedestrians should not be considered in this plan

6. General comments:



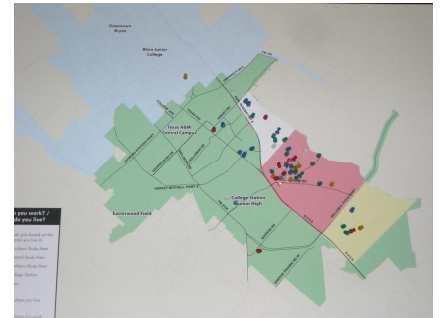
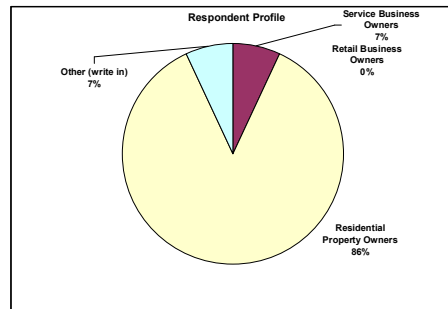
PUBLIC MEETING 1 SUMMARY

Workshop Overview

The initial public meeting of the East College Station Transportation Study was attended by 95 people. The map in the sidebar represents attendees' homes. While many portions of the study area were represented, a majority of the attendees were from the Woodcreek and Foxfire neighborhoods.

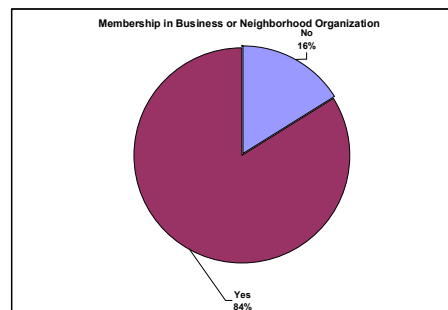


The questionnaire was completed by 37 of the attendees. The graphs to the right indicate the majority of attendees were residential property owners and members of neighborhood associations.



The following Neighborhood Associations were represented:

- Woodcreek
- Foxfire
- Shadowcrest
- Stonebridge
- Amberlake
- Windwood
- Raintree
- Pebble Creek
- Emerald Forest
- Wilshire



According to *Bryan-College Station Eagle* Staff Writer April Avison, College Station Deputy City Manager Terry Childers said he was encouraged by the turnout at the workshop, stressing that resident input is vital in the planning process. She went on to quote Childers, "We've got to do a better job planning for the growth that is going to occur here. Future generations will live with many of the decisions that will germinate here tonight."

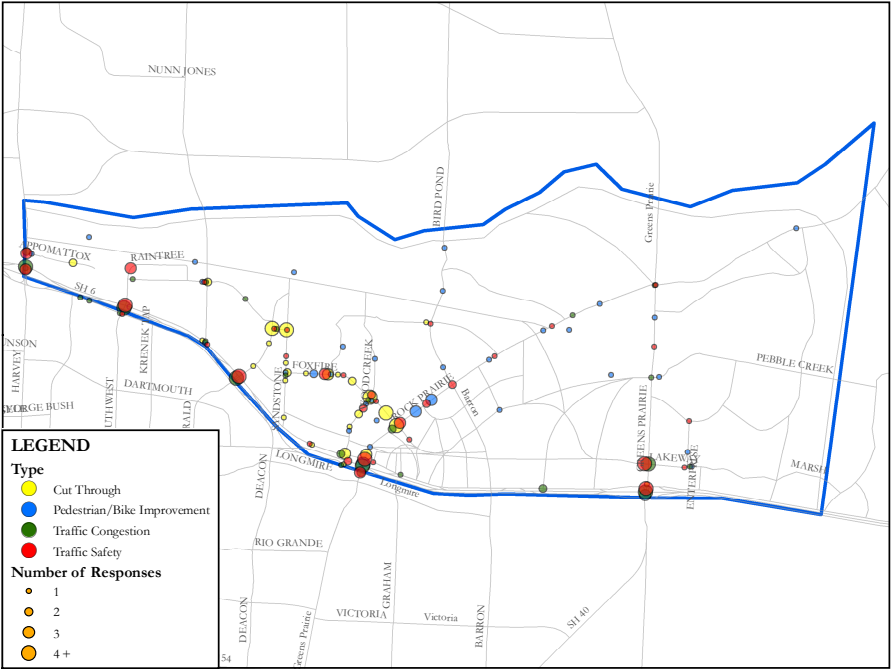


Following Mr. Childers' introduction, the workshop began with a presentation by Kurt Schulte of Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc., which concentrated on demographic trends in the region, College Station, and specifically the Eastside. Groups of eight to ten attendees provided comments and ideas about the future thoroughfare plan.

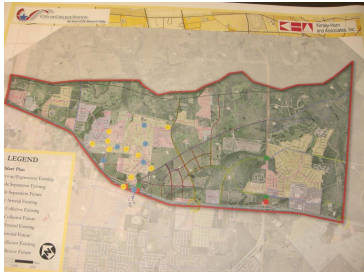


Workshop Results

The consultants began to analyze the workshop input by digitizing the workshop maps and creating compilation maps. The issue map represents participants’ feelings about cut through traffic, congestion, safety, and bike/pedestrian needs. Participants also voiced with which planned thoroughfares they agree and disagree.



Issue Map



Workshop Maps

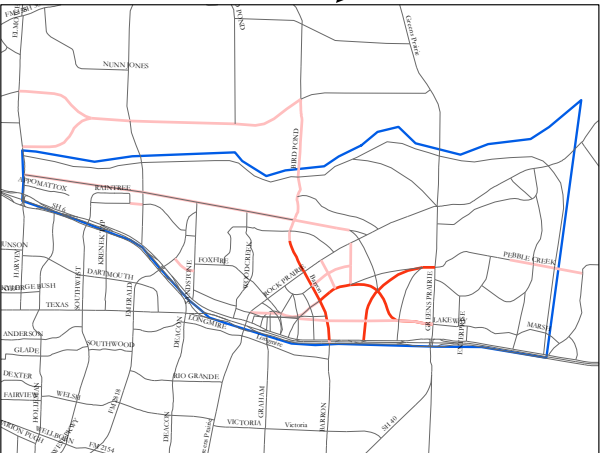


Digitize Maps

Generate Compilation Maps



Disagree with Thoroughfare Plan



Agree with Thoroughfare Plan



Next Steps

The consultant will next assemble two alternative scenarios to the current College Station Thoroughfare Plan. The first scenario will be a direct output of the workshop and will reflect roadways that a majority of attendees agreed or disagreed with and new roadways that were recommended.

The second scenario will be created using the basic thoroughfare planning concept of "Rural by Design." This concept was derived from the questionnaire as the proffered design option for thoroughfares in the study area (as indicated by the graph to the right.)

The consultant will use this concept to develop a thoroughfare network that will meet the goals and objectives of this study. Attendee comments from the workshop and questionnaire will also play a role in developing the third scenario.

